

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 302, 303 AND 304, CHAPTER (2), TITLE IV OF THE CODE OF 1873, RELATING TO COUNTY OFFICERS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That Section 302 of Chapter (2), Title IV of the Code be amended by adding to
2 the end of said Section the following: "That no supervisor or other county official shall
3 undertake any contract or receive any benefit whatever from any contract or other work
4 that he may do for the county, other than his official pay and fees." Every such offence
5 shall be deemed a misdemeanor and punished as such.

SEC. 2. That Section 303 of Chapter (2), Title IV of the Code be amended by adding the
2 following to sub-section 24: "That all work of what nature soever, and all merchandise
3 for the county, shall be let or bought by contract to or from the lowest bidder, such contract
4 and letting to be fully advertised in the county papers. If the lowest bidder fail to comply,
5 then the next lowest bidder shall have the contract. Should any alteration be deemed ad-
6 visable by the supervisors after such contract is let, then in all such cases the contract shall
7 be vacated or a sub-contract or fresh contract shall be made and advertised and a fresh let-
8 ting take place. That in all cases the county surveyor or engineer shall be employed to
9 measure the quantities and dimensions and make specifications for the necessary work to be
10 done for the county." The supervisors shall make all awards of contracts in public, any
11 contract not so awarded is hereby declared illegal and the county cannot be charged there-
12 with.

SEC. 3. That Section 304, Chapter 2, Title IV, of the Code be amended by adding to the
2 end of the said section the following: That on or before the 1st day of January in each
3 year an annual audit report and inspection of all official accounts of the county shall be
4 made, sworn and published in the county papers, by three public accountants, who shall be
5 men of the highest and best reputation in their profession. Such accountants shall be se-
6 lected by the judge of the circuit court setting in term prior to said date in each year.

SEC. 4. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force
2 from and after its passage and publication in the and
3 newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.